

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for kids is what's best for the state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality public education, regardless of their ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; public education is a right in Wisconsin under Article X, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, and the need for a strong, supported, and successful public education system should be a priority for all Wisconsinites and a nonpartisan issue; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public education system deserves and requires the support and investment of elected officials at every level of government in order to meet the needs of all students and foster strong educational outcomes for every kid; and

WHEREAS; observed annually, Public Schools Week is a time to celebrate public schools in Wisconsin and across the county, honor the dedicated professionals who work in public schools, and promote the value of public education for all people and the betterment of our state and society; and

WHEREAS; public schools are at the heart of every community, helping to keep democracy and civil society alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, inspiring future leaders, and creating safe, welcoming, and supportive spaces for kids and families from all backgrounds and every walk of life; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring our public schools and the vital role they play in our state, in celebrating the success and achievements of students, educators, staff, and administrators in public schools across the state, and in thanking all those in public education for their dedicated service to our kids and for their boundless efforts to ensure every kid can be their best and fullest selves both in and out of the classroom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 26 through March 1 2024 as

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11th day of January 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State